

REMARKS

The applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview of August 13, 2004. Responsive to the office action and interview, claims 1, 8 and 9 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 through 9 are in a condition for allowance.

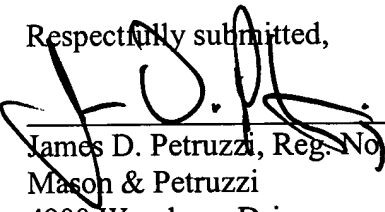
Applicant has amended the specification to change the reference to a pending application to an issued US patent.

Applicant hereby files a terminal disclaimer in response to the obviousness type double patenting rejection.

Applicant hereby files a petition for extension of two months under 37 CFR 1.136(b).

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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I hereby certify that the above-noted paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 17, 2004 as first above noted.

  
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